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DCRA Announces Small Business Week 2016 Events

Department's Small Business Resource Center to Offer Variety of Training Sessions to Stimulate Small Business

Washington, D.C.—The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will host a week of free educational and networking events to celebrate Small Business Week 2016 from Monday, May 2 – Thursday, May 5th, 2016.

Small Business Week will kick off with an informational session on how to obtain access to capital, earn government contracts, and locate grant opportunities. DCRA's Small Business Resource Center (SBRC) will host six free events for current and aspiring entrepreneurs during the course of the week:

- May 2: How to access capital, earn government contracts, and locate grant opportunities (4:00pm-7:00pm, 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor)
- May 3: How to write a business plan (2:00pm-6:00pm, 1100 4th Street SW, 4th Floor)
- May 4: How to open a small business (9:00am-10:30am, 1100 4th Street SW, 4th Floor) & How to operate a non-profit (5:00pm-7:00pm, 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor)
- May 5: Speed coaching for businesses (4:00pm-7:00pm, 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd Floor) & Business assistance for senior entrepreneurs (10:15 am-11:45 am, 324 Kennedy Street NW, Washington, DC 20011)

"DCRA is committed to helping residents create their pathways to the middle class through entrepreneurship," said DCRA Director Melinda Bolling. "Our Small Business Week programming offers something for residents and businesses of all experience levels."

In addition to its Small Business Week offerings, DCRA's Small Business Resource Center provides workshops and one-on-one counseling throughout the year. During 2015, SBRC hosted more than 70 symposiums or workshops and conducted nearly 700 one-on-one counseling sessions. Residents may schedule appointments for one-on-one counseling sessions to discuss their businesses Monday-Friday at 1100 4th Street SW.

More information on the Small Business Resource Center is available at <http://bizdc.ecenterdirect.com/> and for more information the week's events can be found at <http://dcra.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dcra/publication/attachments/Small%20Biz%20Week%202016%20Flyer.pdf>.

Anyone who is interested in participating can register for the Business Speed Coaching event by contacting the Small Business Resource Center at (202) 442-4538. Residents and businesses can follow the exciting and informative programming on Twitter by using #DCRAsmallBizWeek16.

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